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train to which this part applies that occupies or operates on main track shall (1) be equipped with, (2) display on the trailing end of the rear car of that train, and (3) continuously illuminate or flash a marking device prescribed in this subpart.

- (b) Unless equipped with a functioning photoelectric cell activation mechanism complying with paragraph (c) of this section, the marking devices prescribed by this subpart shall be illuminated continuously or flash during the period between one hour before sunset and one hour after sunrise, and during all other hours when weather conditions so restrict visibility that the end silhouette of a standard box car cannot be seen from ½ mile on tangent track by a person having 20/20 corrected vision.
- (c) Marking devices prescribed by this part and equipped with a functioning photoelectric cell activation mechanism shall illuminate or flash the device continuously when there is less than 1.0 candela per square meter of ambient light.
- (d) The centroid of the marking device must be located at a minimum of 48 inches above the top of the rail.

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§221.14 Marking devices.

- (a) As prescribed in §221.13, passenger, commuter and freight trains shall be equipped with at least one marking device, which has been approved by the Federal Railroad Adminstrator in accordance with the procedures included in appendix A of this part, and which has the following characteristics:
- (1) An intensity of not less than 100 candela nor more than 1000 candela (or an effective intensity of not less than 100 candela nor more than 1000 candela for flashing lights) as measured at the center of the beam width;
- (2) A horizontal beam with a minimum arc width of fifteen (15) degrees each side of the vertical center line, and a vertical beam with a minimum arc width of five (5) degrees each side of the horizontal center line as defined in terms of the 50 candela intensity points;
- (3) A color defined by the red-orangeamber color range; and

- (4) If a flashing light is used, a flash rate of not less than once every 1.3 seconds nor more than once every .7 seconds.
- (b) Marking devices used on passenger and commuter trains in compliance with paragraph (a) of this section shall be lighted under the conditions prescribed in §221.13 (b) and (c).
- (c) When a locomotive is operated singly, or at the rear of a train, highly visible marking devices may be provided by the use of:
- (1) At least one marking device that complies with paragraph (a) of this section; or
- (2) At least one illuminated red or amber classification light on the rear of the locomotive, provided it complies with paragraph (a) of this section; or
- (3) The rear headlight of the locomotive illuminated on low beam.

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§221.15 Marking device inspection.

- (a) Each marking device displayed in compliance with this part shall be examined at each crew change point to assure that the device is in proper operating condition.
- (b) This examination shall be accomplished either by visually observing that the device is functioning as required or that the device will function when required by either (1) repositioning the activation switch or (2) covering the photoelectric cell.
- (c) This examination shall be conducted either by the train crew or some other qualified person, *Provided that*, if a non-train crewmember performs the examination, that person shall communicate his or her findings to the locomotive engineer of the new train crew.
- (d) When equipped with a radio telemetry capability, a marker displayed in accordance with this part may be examined by observing the readout information displayed in the cab of the controlling locomotive demonstrating that the light is functioning as required in lieu of conducting a visual observation.

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§221.16 Inspection procedure.

(a) Prior to operating the activation switch or covering the photoelectric